

BUILD BACK BETTER

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of the Build Back Better agenda and the investments it makes in our Nation's care economy. Specifically, I urge the House to invest \$250 billion over 10 years in Medicaid Home and Community Based Services. This will give domestic workers a long overdue raise in wages and vastly expand covered services for aging families.

Expanding Medicaid will fail a tragic gap in our long-term care system that forces seniors and people with disabilities out of their homes.

Today, over 3.5 million older adults and people with disabilities receive Medicaid for home-based care, but because of caps on coverage, 820,000 Americans remain on wait lists. Meanwhile, domestic workers earn poverty wages without access to a safety net.

Let's pass both the Build Back Better Act and the bipartisan infrastructure bill to right this wrong, invest in our care economy, and protect American working families.

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OPPOSING \$3.5 TRILLION
SPENDING PACKAGE

(Mr. PFLUGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Democrats' \$3.5 trillion spending spree that favors green special interests over American wages and livelihoods.

This legislative package is pushing amnesty, adds trillions to our already historic levels of debt, expands the welfare state to disincentivize work, and enacts Green New Deal policies that will drive up utility bills for Americans across the Nation and destroy our American energy industry.

Additionally, the crippling tax hikes could cost up to 4 million jobs nationwide, with the middle class and our Main Street businesses burdening much of the cost.

One proposal pushed by Democrats, the elimination of the stepped-up-basis, effectively creates a new, second death tax that would eviscerate over 1 million jobs and hurt farmers and ranchers across the country.

While some of these proposals may not currently be in the House bill, we must remain vigilant until Senate Democrats and the administration take these harmful policies off the table entirely.

Folks in my district, and I believe most Americans, do not want a top-down, one-size-fits-all, job-killing agenda that will completely reshape our society.

Everyday working-class Americans are hurting, not the rich. I will oppose

any measure that results in higher taxes, lower wages, higher prices, more government control, and less economic growth.

SUPPORTING HAITIAN REFUGEES

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of refugees who are at the border seeking refuge and asylum due to economic conditions and a climate crisis in Haiti, where they witnessed a horrible earthquake and several devastating storms. They seek shelter, food, and opportunities.

In recent days, Haitians have shown up at our door. They are looking to get our help. America has a longstanding tradition to help refugees. It is simply inhumane to turn our backs on them. They have witnessed horrendous climate conditions, the assassination of a President, and instability in their Nation for many decades.

We must continue to hold the torch. We must continue to provide access to each and every one of those refugees who come to our door, and we will be able to determine which are allowed to be granted asylum.

Let's uphold our legacy of America, a nation of immigrants.

TRIBUTE TO NAVY CORPSMAN
MAXTON WILLIAM "MAX" SOVIAK

(Mr. JORDAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hospital Corpsman Maxton William "Max" Soviak of the United States Navy, who made the ultimate sacrifice while securing safe passage for his fellow Americans in Afghanistan on August 26.

Max grew up in Berlin Heights, part of the Fourth District of Ohio. He attended Edison High School, where he played for the football team and was a member of the State championship wrestling team. His proudest decision, according to his family, was to enlist as a Devil Doc in the Navy after high school.

A Devil Doc's mission is to perform lifesaving work even as unknown dangers advance. Amid the deteriorating security conditions at Hamid Karzai Airport in Kabul, with the likelihood of an attack increasing, Max stood at the gates to help evacuate American citizens and our Afghan allies.

Throughout his career, and especially during his service in Afghanistan, Max embodied the words of the Corpsman's Pledge: "I shall do all within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good."

Mr. Speaker, Maxton Soviak is an American hero who will never be forgotten. He served his Nation bravely and honorably. We will never be able to repay his sacrifice, but we must always remember it.

SUPPORTING VOTER RIGHTS

(Ms. BOURDEAUX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BOURDEAUX. Mr. Speaker, Georgia was one of the first States in the country to pass a voter suppression bill after the 2020 general election, but S.B. 202 is just our State's latest attempt to disenfranchise minority communities.

Georgia has a long history of undermining the right to vote, from the Jim Crow era to more recent voter roll purges and exact-match policies. This week, news from Georgia and Florida confirmed, yet again, that bills like S.B. 202 were adopted because Republicans are afraid that they will lose elections if all eligible voters participate.

It is time for Congress to fix what the Supreme Court broke in 2013 when they effectively gutted the Voting Rights Act.

I proudly supported the For the People Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, both of which laid essential groundwork toward protecting our democracy. I now look forward to supporting the Freedom to Vote Act in the coming weeks.

OPPOSING THE CONTINUING
RESOLUTION

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address H.R. 5305, the continuing resolution for short-term government funding that passed the House last night, which I voted against.

Earlier this year, House Democrats passed their \$3.5 trillion partisan budget package, which significantly increased funding for their own spending priorities. However, this bill did not include funding for our military, the Department of Homeland Security, or grants for law enforcement.

Now, House Democrats have introduced their continuing resolution to fund the government and raise the debt ceiling through December 2022 to allow even more taxpayer dollars to go toward their spending spree.

Mr. Speaker, funding the government should be a bipartisan issue. Yet, rather than working together, Democrats expect Republicans to give them a blank check for their unprecedented spending. Democrats are responsible for expenditures; they need to take responsibility for the borrowing, too.

SUPPORT WOMEN BY PASSING
THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)